

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 1, line 1 Description.

Page 1, above the first paragraph and below the title, insert

-- Background of the Invention:

Field of the Invention: --.

Page 1, between lines 26 and 28, insert

-- Summary of the Invention: --.

Replace the paragraphs between page 2, line 29 and page 3, line 4 with the following:

It is also advantageously possible to provide for a drive device to be coupled to the ~~first~~ second coupling housing in order to move a movable contact piece of the switch disconnector.

It is likewise also advantageously possible to provide for a drive device to be coupled to the ~~second~~ first coupling housing in order move a movable contact piece of the interrupter unit of the circuit breaker.

Page 5, between lines 3 and 5, insert

-- Brief Description of the Drawings: --.

Page 5, between lines 9 and 11, insert

-- Description of the Preferred Embodiments: --.

Replace the paragraph between page 5, line 11 and page 6, line 34 with the following:

Figure 1 shows a first embodiment variant of a compressed-gas-insulated switching device 1. The compressed-gas-insulated switching device 1 has an encapsulating housing 2. The encapsulating housing 2 is manufactured from an electrically conductive material, for example aluminum or steel, and is connected to ground potential. An electrical phase conductor 3 is arranged in the interior of the encapsulating housing 2. The electrical phase conductor 3 is arranged such that it is electrically insulated from the grounded encapsulating housing 2. The encapsulating housing 2 protects the electrical phase conductor against external influences. The encapsulating housing 2 is mounted on a mounting rack 4. The encapsulating housing 2 has a first flange 5, a second flange 6 and a third flange 7. The three flanges 5, 6, 7 advantageously have the same dimensions. A first coupling housing 8 is fitted to the first flange 5. A second coupling housing 9 is fitted to the second flange 6, and a third coupling housing 10 is fitted to the third flange 7. The coupling housings 8, 9, 10 are flange-connected to the flanges 5, 6, 7 with the interposition of a respective insulator 11a, 11b, 11c, which are in the form of disks. Furthermore, a first insulating housing 12 is flange-connected to the first coupling housing 8. Furthermore, a second insulating housing 13 is flange-

connected to the second coupling housing 9. A third insulating housing 14 is also flange-connected to the third coupling housing 10. The insulating housings 12, 13, 14 are each essentially cylindrical. An interrupter unit 15 of a circuit breaker is arranged in the interior of the first insulating housing 12, along the cylinder axis. A switch disconnector 16, 17 is in each case arranged on the main axes of the second insulating housing 13 and of the third insulating housing 14. A first connecting point of the main current path of the interrupter unit 15 has a conductor piece which is passed through the disk insulator 11a, and makes contact with the electrical phase conductor 3 within the encapsulating housing 2. A second connecting point of the main current path of the interrupter unit 15 is passed in a gastight manner to the exterior at the free end of the first insulating housing 12. The contact system of the interrupter unit 15 is arranged between the first connecting point and the second connecting point of the main current path of the interrupter unit 15. By way of example, the interrupter unit 15 can be used to disconnect rated currents and short-circuit currents. For this purpose, the interrupter unit 15 is equipped with a movable contact piece, which is not illustrated in any more detail in the figure but which can be moved via a first drive device 18. The first drive device 18 is attached to the outside of the first coupling housing 8. A shaft 19 passes through one wall of the first coupling housing 9 & in a gastight manner. Any rotary movement is transmitted via the shaft 19 from outside the first coupling housing 8 into the interior of the first coupling housing 8. A rocker 20 is arranged on the shaft 19 in the interior of the first coupling housing 8. A connecting rod, which is attached to the rocker 20, converts a rotary movement of the shaft 19 to a linear movement.

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